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Hongkong, April 10, 1906.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIRE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on **GOOD FRIDAY and EASTER MONDAY**, the 13th and 14th instants.

Hongkong, April 11, 1906.

NOTICE.

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ON FRIDAY, 13th inst., and MONDAY, 14th inst., all Departments will be OPEN for BUSINESS from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M. only.

Hongkong, April 12, 1906.

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Hongkong, March 24, 1906.

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s.s. SAIKAM, 588 tons, Captain J. Wilcox.
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T. ARIMA,

Manager.

Hongkong, April 9, 1906.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Directors of the Bank have made a CALL of \$1 PER SHARE on all the Shares of the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LTD. such call to be paid on the 2nd of July 1906 either to the Local Manager of the Bank at the Office of the Bank, 61 Old Broad Street, in the City of London, or to the Managing Director at the Head Office of the Bank, Victoria Buildings, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong; at the option of the shareholders paying the call. In default of Payment INTEREST at the Rate of 10% PER ANNUM will be CHARGED from the 2nd of July, 1906, until the said call is actually paid, as provided in Article No. 32 of the Articles of Association.

By Order, G. C. MOXON,

Managing Director.

Hongkong, April 10, 1906.

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Hongkong, April 9, 1906.

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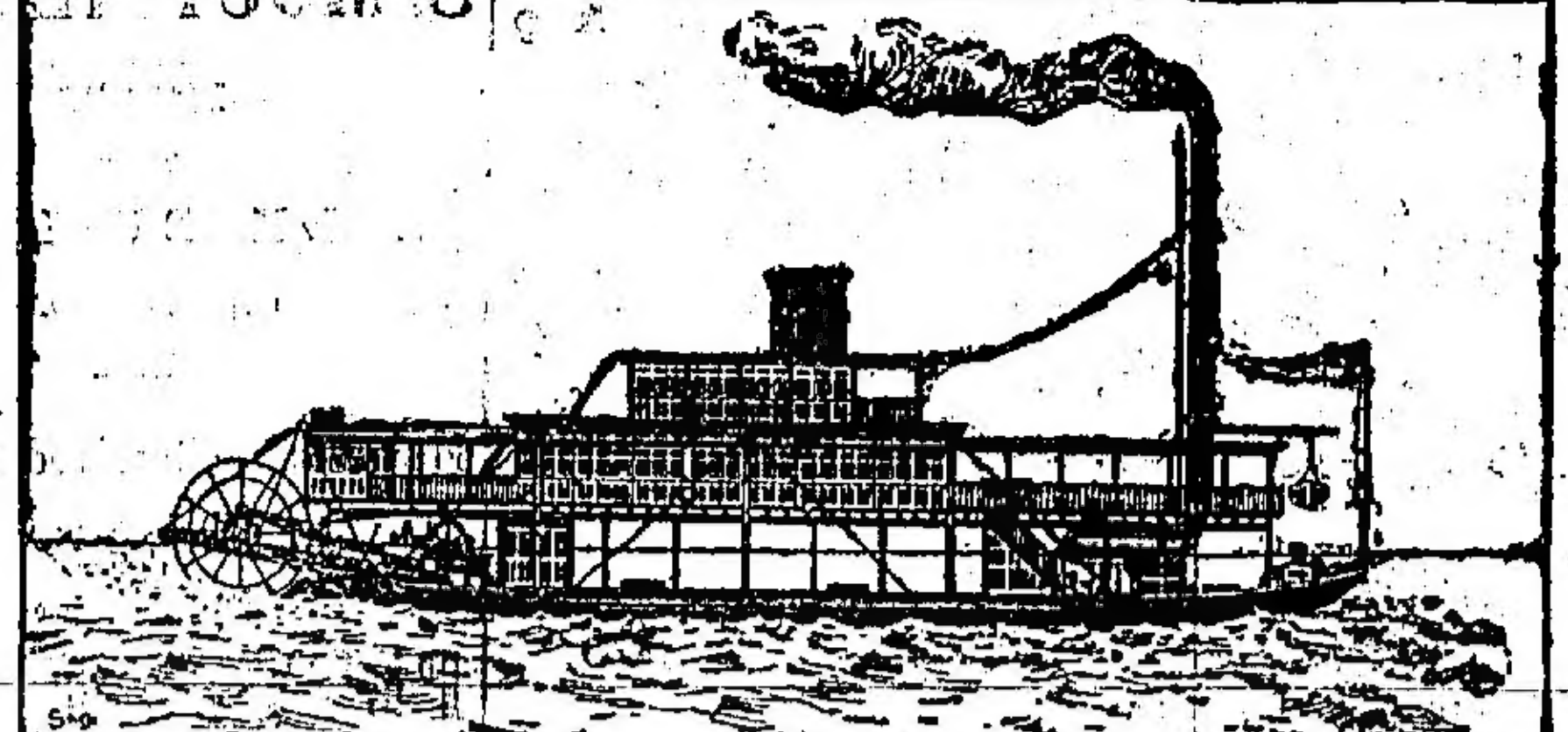
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Miscellaneous.Exchange Banks Close.
Insurance Office Close.
Goods per *Windsor* undelivered after
this date subject to rent.**General Information.****TUESDAY, April 17:—**
9.30 a.m.—Military Gun Practice.
11 a.m.—Auction of Towels, Opera
Glasses, &c., at Mr F. Kien's Sales
Rooms.
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-
ture, at No. 12, Austin Avenue, Kow-
loon.
Goods per *Prinz Sigismund* undelivered
after this date subject to rent.**WEDNESDAY, April 18:—**
Transfer Books of Union Insurance
Society of Canton, Ltd., close from
this date to 23rd April inclusive.
Goods per *Szechuan* undelivered after
this date subject to rent.**THURSDAY, April 19:—**
11 a.m.—Government Bills received by
Chief Paymaster, Army Pay Depart-
ment.
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Silver, Ivory, Lac-
quer & Sandalwood Ware, &c., at Mr
Geo. P. Lammer's Sales Rooms.**FRIDAY, April 20:—**
Goods per *Wray Castle* undelivered after
this date subject to rent.**SATURDAY, April 21:—**
8 p.m.—Annual Dinner of Hongkong
Football Club, at Hongkong Hotel.**WEDNESDAY, April 25:—**
3.15 p.m.—Meeting of Philippine Co.,
Ltd., at the Office of National Bank of
China, Ltd.**SATURDAY, April 28:—**
Noon—Meeting of Union Insurance So-
ciety of Canton, Ltd., at Head Office.
12.15 p.m.—Meeting of China Traders'
Insurance Co., Ltd., at Head Office.**THURSDAY, May 3:—**
3 p.m.—Auction of Leasehold Property,
at Messrs Hughes & Hough's Sales
Rooms.**NOTICE.****THE EDITORIAL OFFICES** of
the **CHINA MAIL** are now located
at No. 8 QUEEN'S ROAD CENT-
RAL (first floor), Opposite
Messrs. CALDBECK, MACGRE-
GOR and Co.**THE BUSINESS OFFICE** and
PRINTING WORKS are at No. 5
WYNDHAM St.**The China Mail.**

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 1906.

HARBOUR IMPROVEMENT.THE Government is understood to have
under consideration a scheme for the
improvement of the harbour. People of
cynical disposition are apt to smile when
they encounter the expression "under
consideration." It is true that the
phrase is often used for purposes of
diplomatic evasion and that matters
have been known to remain under con-
sideration for such a length of time that
they have been forgotten. But there is
no reason for supposing that there will
be no tangible outcome of the mental
incubation of a scheme of harbour im-
provement. The Government is fully
seized with the importance of the matter.Hongkong is first and last a port, and
can never be anything else. Conse-
quently the improvement and augmen-
tation of facilities for shipping is of
greater importance than any other pro-
blem with which the wisdom of the
Government is called upon to grapple.The matter should receive priority of
attention. One statement that has been
pretty generally made, although we are
not aware that it has been officially en-
dorsed, is that the question of expan-
sion is the stumbling block. This can hardly
be so. Expense is only a relative mat-
ter: A Government must be guided by
the same considerations as a company
or an individual. If a company which
exists by the manufacture of a certain
article finds that its rivals are using im-
proved machinery, it does not continue
to use its own obsolete plant. In the
event of not having enough capital at
command it issues a long dated loan,
confident in the knowledge that the new
plant will so increase the profits that
the interest on the loan will be met and
a sinking fund established for its ul-
timate redemption. The Government of
Hongkong can borrow money much
more cheaply than any company or
individual. Obviously, whatever the
amount required might be, it would be
justified in passing the burden of debt
on to posterity. Those who follow uswill share in the advantages arising
from an improvement of the port, and it
is just that they should likewise share in
the cost incidental to effecting such im-
provements. Singapore and Shanghai
are evidently quite wide awake to the
importance of increasing their attrac-
tiveness as ports. They are both
spending millions of dollars in providing
additional facilities. The credit of
Hongkong is as good as that of either of
these places and we start with the great
advantage of having a good port to
begin with. Consequently the question
of cost need not be considered as an
insuperable obstacle. Really the only
difficulty is to decide upon a scheme
which will secure for shipping the safety
and the facilities which are necessary.
One of the most urgent requirements is,
as we have pointed out previously, the
establishment of a safe and commodious
typhoon shelter. Mr Danby, M.I.C.E.,
who has perhaps as intimate a knowl-
edge of the port and its possibilities as
any man in Hongkong or elsewhere, has,
we understand, worked out a scheme for
such a shelter. No doubt the Govern-
ment will avail itself of Mr Danby's
special knowledge when it commences
to take some definite steps. But im-
portant as a storm shelter undoubtedly
is, provision for loading and unloading
with safety and celerity is equally so,
and it is to be hoped that whatever
scheme is ultimately adopted will secure
both these essentials.We believe that some of the Chinese
newspapers published in Hongkong did
not issue a number on Thursday last,
because it was the anniversary of the
death of the last emperor of the Ming
dynasty. It is well known, of course,
that a large number of the more or
progressive Chinese, who have no part
or lot with the doings of the Triad
Society, still have no sympathy with the
present reigning dynasty in China,
and secretly look forward to the day
when a native-born Chinese will be
seated on the throne. What particular
virtue there may be in not publishing
their newspapers on that day does not
appear to the uninitiated, except that
the various members of the staff
get a holiday. It is true this action
will tend to remind their readers of the
occasion, and this perhaps will do
something to foster, if not to create, a
sympathy for the cause they have at
heart.The man who has no very decided
views on the liquor question is puzzled
from time to time by the pronouncements
of authorities. Laymen are naturally
inclined to lay great store upon the
judgment of medical men in this con-
nection. The misfortune is that they
almost invariably disagree. One
eminent authority will declare that
alcohol in any shape or form is bad;
another, with an equally high reputa-
tion, will hold that moderate indulgence
is innocuous. But when the doctors
begin to attack the beverages for which
nearly all of us have a weakness things
begin to look serious. A Dr Rigby of
Preston has recently declared that the
evil attendant upon the abuse of tea
are even graver than those from drink.He claims that tea drinking is re-
sponsible for a ghastly array of ailments.
It would perhaps be well to let the
medical gentlemen speak for himself.
"To enumerate the diseases caused
by tea," he declares "is like writing a
quack advertisement. It produces an-
emia, chronic gastritis, dyspepsia
and emaciation; lays the founda-
tion for gastric ulcer; causes irrita-
bility of the nerves, and a whole
host of nervous disorders. If any
one were desirous of amassing a
fortune, no surer plan of doing so could
be devised than to make up pills of in-
nocent materials, such as bread crumbs
and extract of hops; and, in the direc-
tions for their use by the public,
stipulate that the patient should abstain
from the use of tea. The pill would
have an enormous sale, would do a
vast amount of good, and would relieve
a great amount of suffering. In fact,
it would, I believe, prove more bene-
ficial than the closing of half the pub-
lic houses in Preston."**BY TELEGRAPH. BY TELEGRAPH.****THE TRAVELLING**
COMMISSION.**DEPARTING FROM GERMANY.**

(Chinese Mail's Special Service.)

PEKING, April 12.

The Travelling Commission wired to
the Peking Government that they have
finished their investigations in Germany
and that they leave for Denmark on the
13th.**CANTON-HANKOW LINE.****INQUIRIES FROM PEKING.**

(Chinese Mail's Special Service.)

PEKING, April 13.

The Board of Commerce has tele-
graphed the Viceroy of Liang Kiang
provinces to the effect that the people
of Kwangtung have subscribed a capital
of close on \$20,000,000 for the con-
struction of the Canton-Hankow Rail-
way and asked the Viceroy to give
information as to what the people of
the Liang Kiang intend doing.**CHINESE OFFICIALS ILL.****WANG WEN SHAO FAILING.**

(Chinese Mail's Special Service.)

PEKING, April 12.

Wang Wen Shao, Prime Minister of
the Grand Council, and Tong Shao-jao,
President of the Board of Commerce,
are dangerously ill.[Wang Wen Shao is a very aged minister,
and has been on the grand Council for a
number of years. It will be remembered that
during the Boxer trouble in 1900, when
the Court fled to Hsianfu, Wang was
among the party. Tong Shao-jao, who is
a native of Heung Shan District, near
Macao, was in 1902 Tsoai of the Customs
at Tientsin; appointed Chinese plenipoten-
tiary to proceed to India for the negotia-
tion with Great Britain of the Tibet Con-
vention, which was, however, not concluded
when he was recalled to Peking, and was
made, through the influence of Viceroy
Yuan Shi Kai, President of the Board of
Commerce, which post he now holds.—
Ed., O.M.]**SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.**The Hon. Mr Edward Osborne has been
made a member of the Medical Board.Lieut. Col. Jostling has resigned from the
Sanitary Board and Lieut. Col.
Sparkes has been appointed in his stead.Mr and Mrs A. R. Fullerton have left
the Colony for home on a year's holiday.
They departed on the P. and O. s.s.
"Java."The following is the programme of music
to be performed by the band of the 119th
Infantry on the Parade Ground on Monday
next from 5 to 6.30 p.m.:—March 'The
Rifle Regiment' (Souza), Overture 'La
Reine d'un Jour' (Adam), Waltz 'Loyalty'
(Wheeler), Selection 'The Choralists'
(Mouckton), Piccolo Solo 'Golden Sparks'
(Brewer), New Dance 'The Choralists'
(Scott).The German Mail of the 13th March
was delivered in London on the 11th April.The report of the Director of the
Hongkong Observatory is published in the
current issue of the Government Gazette.**Aristocratic Gamblers.**The London police descended on a
fashionable gaming house in the city on
Feb. 23 with orders to show no favour,
and made over fifty arrests. Among those
captured were two peers of the realm, a well-
known marquise, and besides several other
third persons two generals, lawyers,
and even schoolmasters. Several amusing
incidents took place. Three members of the
nobility jumped through a back window,
and, entering the American Legation
through the kitchen, made their way to the
front door and escaped. Another, who is
a lover of ragnow, dropped from the roof
into the railway station, and, entering a
convenient train, spent the rest of the
night at Chitra. Yet another, in his
fright, hid himself in the tunnel just out-
side the railway station, and narrowly
escaped being killed by a passing train.
His arrival later at his club, where he
appeared hatless and with a torn coat, was
enthusiastically acclaimed by his friends.**STEARNS' HEADACHE CURE**, can
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its cures of coughs of this nature and a few
doses taken in time may save a doctor's
bill and perhaps years of suffering. For
sale by all chemists and druggists.**THE EDUCATION BILL.****OPPOSITION OF BISHOPS.**(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters,
via Bombay).

London, April 12.

A conference of Bishops has been
held at Lambeth Palace to discuss the
Education Bill recently introduced by
Mr Birrell.The Bishops resolved to give unhe-
sitating opposition to the measure.**AMERICA AND CHINA.****CONGRESS AND THE**
EXCLUSION ACT.**Extensive Revision Proposed.**(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters,
via Bombay).

London, April 12.

A Bill has been introduced in Con-
gress at Washington with the object
of extensively revising the Chinese
Exclusion Act.The revision is suggested with a
view to harmonising the differences
now existing between China and
America.**RUSSIA'S PARLIAMENT.****DEMOCRATS AT WORK.****Drafting Liberal Measures.**(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters,
via Bombay).

London, April 12.

It appears that certain "institutional
democrats" have an immense majority
in the Lower House of the Duma, and
are already drafting Bills of a pro-
nounced liberal type.The Upper House, however, is over-
whelmingly conservative.

[REUTERS'S SERVICE.]

THE ERUPTION OF VESUVIUS.**Terrible Desolation.****Villages Barred.**

London, April 11.

The country for miles around Vesuvius
presents pictures of a horrible desola-
tion. No vestige of green remains, and all
the towns and villages more or less are
buried some six feet under the ashes,
recalling the disaster at Pompeii.**Heavy Death Roll.**The estimates of the total death roll vary
between 500 and 800; the last accounts
are not reassuring, and the whole region is
under a dense pall.**Hurricanes of Rain.**Vesuvius is invisible and frequent hurri-
cane winds, mixed with stones and ash
occur.**A Village Smothered.**

London, April 11.

Ottajano is smothered in ashes and the
population of 200 has perished.**Sulphur and Sand Showers.**The volcano resumed activity last night
and is now showering sulphur and sand.**Towns Isolated.**Torre del Greco and Torre Annunziata
are cut off from Naples; several corre-
spondents who were there, were unable to
leave.**THE HAGUE CONFERENCE.****Postponement Urged.**

London, April 11.

The United States supported by France
has asked Russia to postpone the Hague
conference, to prevent its clashing with the
Pan-American congress at Rio de Janeiro.**GERMAN DIPLOMATIC**
APPOINTMENT.**Change of Ministers.**

London, April 11.

Baron von Goltz, now at the Peking
Legation, has been appointed minister to
Columbia.**A PLEASANT AND SAFE MEDICINE.**
COUGHS and colds yield easily to Cham-
berlain's Cough Remedy. It is pleas-
ant to take and contains no injurious sub-
stances. It always cures and cures quickly.
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FATE OF THE "M. STRUVE."

Becomes a Total Wreck.

The latest information to hand from Ocken Island, where the German steamer "M. Struve" stranded early this week confirms the worst fears entertained regarding the steamer's fate.

The German man of war "Tiger" has visited the Island and reports by telegram that the "M. Struve" is a total wreck and that there is no hope of salvage.

After going ashore the steamer's position became rapidly worse, it being first reported that her decks were awash and then that she was totally wrecked.

Notwithstanding the efforts made by the crew it is now certain that she will be a total loss.

The Chinese pirates who infest the waters in the vicinity of the island commenced to loot the vessel very soon after she went ashore and had obtained a good deal of plunder from her when the "Tiger" visited the spot, and although they were then frightened off they soon returned to the work of plundering the doomed vessel.

The first and second officers of the vessel and the first and second engineers together with the Chinese crew have already arrived in Hongkong and the captain is expected to arrive tomorrow morning.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA.

Annual Meeting.

The fifteenth ordinary annual meeting of shareholders in the National Bank of China, Limited, was held at the Bank's premises at noon. Mr. J. Scott Huxton presided and there were also present Messrs G. C. Moore (Manager), J. R. Michael, R. Harding, J. E. Joseph, Chai Shui Kue, Chun Pak Chun, E. D. Haskell, Ellis Kadourie, E. H. Howard, E. S. Kadourie, J. Wright and P. Loureiro.

The notice convening the meeting having been read the Chairman said: Gentlemen, I have to submit the report and accounts for last year, which, with your permission, I will take as read. The net profits of the Bank for the period under review amount to \$188,919.94, and in pursuance of the policy set forth in the Chairman's speech at the general meeting held on 18th March last year, your Directors recommend that no dividend be paid, but that our reserves be strengthened until they have reached what may be considered a safe figure. With this object in view, it is proposed to place to capital reserve fund the sum of \$12,731.20, which at 1/2% to the dollar brings our capital and capital reserve together to the convenient figure of \$216,000, and to reserve fund \$80,088.83, bringing that fund up to \$100,000. The board consider it advisable to carry forward a substantial sum in view of the fact that certain securities held by the Bank have not yet been realised. Owing to the expressed wish of a large majority of shareholders a call of £1 per share has been made, such call to be payable on 2nd July next, in order to provide us with additional paid up capital. I do not think there is anything I can usefully add, but before proposing the adoption of the report and accounts, I will be glad to answer any questions in my power.

There were no questions and the adoption of the report and accounts was carried on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Wright.

Mr. Haskell proposed the re-election of Messrs Lowe and Bingham as auditors. The motion was seconded by Mr. Joseph and carried.

On the motion of Mr. Harding seconded by Mr. Haskell the Rt. Hon. C. B. Stuart Wortley, K.C.M.G., was re-elected to the London Committee.

Mr. E. Evans was re-elected to the Hongkong board, on the motion of Mr. Kadourie seconded by Mr. Wright.

That concluded the business of the meeting.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued by Mr. Figg of the Hongkong Observatory:—

On the 14th at 11.55a. The barometer has fallen over China, except on the S. coast.

Pressure has also given way over SW. Japan and the Loochoos.

Pressure is highest over W. Japan. It remains low to the NE of Japan, and also over S. China.

Light to moderate variable winds are indicated in the Formosa Channel and light SE winds over the N. part of the China Sea, accompanied by fog along the coast.

Forecast:—SE or variable winds, light to moderate; misty, showery.

IN hot weather it's hard work to take cod liver oil. But Stearns' Wine of Cod Liver Oil is not greasy or oily, and it tastes so good that you wish you had taken more. Does everybody good.

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A happy home is the most valuable possession that is within the reach of mankind, but you cannot enjoy its comforts if you are suffering from rheumatism. You throw aside business cares when you enter your home and you can be relieved from those rheumatic pains also by applying Chamberlain's Pain Balm. One application to the injured part will relieve you. It will give you relief and the continued use for a short time will bring about a permanent cure. For sale by all chemists and druggists.

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A REMARKABLE OCCURRENCE.

Danger in a Hongkong "Shandy."

An extraordinary fate overtook an ordinary drinking glass this morning: and there are several puzzled heads in Hongkong to-day in consequence. The glass had contained what is known as a "shandy" made of Watson's lemonade and Younger's draught stout, and when about three parts of the mixture had been consumed the glass was stood upon a table in one of the Government canteens.

Nobody approached the glass to the knowledge of four or five persons who were in the room, but about eight minutes after it had been put on the table by the person who had been drinking from it it exploded with a sharp detonation and pieces of the bottom of the glass were scattered several feet away.

To the surprise of those present the glass was soon to be standing up on the table, though the major part of the bottom, which measured from three-quarters to half an inch in thickness was shattered and broken as if by some explosive. The body of the glass was cracked, and a ring about one-quarter of an inch in width was cut clean off the top as if with a glazier's diamond.

The occurrence is inexplicable to those who witnessed it, and so amazed were they that the fragments of the glass were brought to this office for inspection. Whether it was meant as a warning to abstain from spirituous liquors or not we cannot say, but the gentleman who brought the glass assures us that his faith in stout is not yet shaken. He is not quite sure whether there is not some supernatural agency at work, and hopes that some reader will be able to offer a solution of the mystery.

When questioned as to the condition of the gentleman who had consumed portion of the liquor our visitor stated that so far he had not "gone off." It is to be hoped that he does not.

THE EASTER HOLIDAYS.

Damp Days.

Good Friday was so wet as to spoil all out-door pleasure, and the promise for Easter Monday does not look much brighter. Yesterday numbers of sportsmen went out in the morning to various places but were in most cases driven from pastimes by the unrelenting rain that commenced to fall before noon. Little rain fell this morning but clouds of a threatening kind hung about and made it dangerous to proceed any distance without waterproof and umbrellas. It is to be hoped that Monday brightens.

Wanchi Wesleyan Church.

Last evening a very large congregation gathered in the above Church to enjoy a sacred concert which had been arranged. It being Good Friday evening. Previous to the concert a tea had been provided, at which quite two hundred sat down. Indeed the numbers who availed themselves of the opportunity were so large that all could not be accommodated even at two sittings. The concert commenced at 7 o'clock. Most of those who took an active part in the evening's programme were connected with the Church. Mr. Makeham presided. Mr. Davey sang "Cast thy burden upon the Lord," the chorus of which was rendered by the Church choir, who also sang "Rejoice ye with Jerusalem." The B.K.T.U. choir, led by Mrs. Brown, sang two pieces. Messrs Thomas and Bateman sang "Be thou faithful unto death," and "When our heads are bowed with woe," respectively. Mr. White, the very efficient organist, presided at the instrument except when the B.K.T.U. Choir sang. Two short and appropriate addresses were given by Mr. Watson and Sgt. Major Stephenson, R.E. The Chaplain modestly contented himself with a minor part, or was relegated to the simple duty of closing the evening's programme by expressing the appreciation of all present to the many helpers who had so generously assisted to make a pleasant and helpful evening for those who came together, especially for the men of H. M. Services.

Sailors' and Soldiers' Home.

The various Branches of the I. O. G. T. in Hongkong gathered in the largest room of the Home on Thursday evening to enjoy a concert which had been arranged. The gathering thoroughly appreciated the entertainment, and such reactions are helpful as well as enjoyable. When the several sections, each of which at times seems to be less powerful than its most ardent members could wish, meet together in this way, it becomes evident that in the army at least, the number of total abstemious men is not an insignificant one. The concert on Thursday evening was presided over by Mr. Seaford, whose enthusiasm in the cause counted not a little towards the general success which followed. The programme contained a judicious blending of the serious and the comic, for it was the aim of the promoters of the reunion not only to secure a pleasant evening, but also to induce others to join their ranks and keep their pledge. A short address was given with a view to assist this result. The evening's efforts induced several to join the I. O. G. T. ranks. Between the first and second part of the programme refreshments were served and enjoyed. The reunion closed about half past ten by the singing of the National Anthem.

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IMPROVEMENT OF CHINESE AGRICULTURE.

[FOR THE CHINA MAIL.]

It is sometimes affirmed that, because the Chinese are good market gardeners, and that because her farmers can raise two crops of rice per annum in the rich plains which skirt her splendid rivers, they, as a race, are past masters of the art of agriculture. Some who have travelled inland and seen the large tracts of waste land, and observed the rule of thumb methods with which their fields and gardens are cultivated, have entertained serious doubts as to the justice of their claim to be model agriculturists.

I myself have seen a small plot of land cleared amidst wide tracks of uncultivated land, and into the rough ground—for the farmers have no implements equal to the task of adequately conquering rough hard soil—a few seeds have been thrown, and then, at the end of each row, a handful of incense sticks has been inserted to propitiate the gods of the wild waste. If one goes into Chinese cultivated fields, one will discover that, in many places, the She Tsai, or gods of the grain and land, are assumed to be a very important factor in the success of the coming crop, and therefore, at stated times, before a granite shrine erected in the midst of the crops, offerings will be repeatedly made with a view to securing a successful harvest. Whilst the mind of a farmer is shackled in this way, and whilst he is handicapped by having only the crudest and most primitive of agricultural implements, it is obvious that only imperfect results can be realized.

It is true that Chinese poets, and historians have extolled the profession of agriculture. In the famous list of the four occupations, Scholars, Farmers, Artisans, and Merchants, the Agriculturalist is placed second, and this indicates the high esteem in which the profession is held. Chinese historians would endorse the statement of Banquet who wrote of the agriculture of the French, "the great employment of France was the tillage of the land, than which no method of gain is more grateful in itself, or more worthy of freemen, or more happy in rendering service to the whole human race. No occupation is nearer heaven."

And Chinese writers have not written of agriculture only from the point of view of the poet, namely to extol the pleasantness of the occupation, as perhaps Virgil and others have done. They have known that it lies at the base of national prosperity; the one industry of fishing excepted, it has been the only source from which the people have got their food. For China no fleet of "rolling steamers" borne from some more productive island freighted with corn to support poor street-bred people. Therefore the importance with which it has ever been regarded and the honour in which farmers have ever been held.

But all this notwithstanding, it is true that there has been little development in the methods employed, during the many centuries, and generations of farmers have contented themselves, because they knew no better, with following each other's footsteps, and imitating each other's methods. They have done this because they have known no more excellent way.

Yet during the last quarter of a century enormous efforts have been made to improve the system of agriculture throughout the South of China. Some fifteen years ago Chang Chih-ting wrote a famous book in which he pointed out some of the limitations of the Chinese people, and urged upon them the necessity of awakening out of their sleep. One of the chapters was devoted to the subject of agriculture, and he therein made some caustic remarks on the crude and antiquated methods which were followed by his countrymen. I remember that there were some paragraphs devoted to the culture of cotton, and it was pointed out that in the West various species of cotton were grown, and sundry kinds flourished best in certain kinds of soil. Why could not the Chinese read this lesson and profit by it?

Crude attempts at forming local boards of agriculture have also been made in the Canton Province, but hitherto little that is practical and permanent has resulted therefrom. Rice, taro, leeks and garlic are grown where the soil is rich and productive; where labour and capital are needed, to bring the soil under cultivation little or nothing is attempted, and so the people crowd together and trample upon one another in the richer portions of the province, whilst there are wide reaches of land that await the hand of the husbandman, and the share of the plough.

The Viceroy of Canton has now taken this matter in hand; he has prescience enough to see that a country in order to be successful and prosperous, must not only have an army, banks, loans and railways, but must be able to extract from the land returns which it will generally make if treated with a liberal attention. He has selected some young men of the province and sent them on to Japan at his own expense, to study the agricultural methods of the Island Kingdom, and to seek instructions from those who are at present assumed to possess the key to all knowledge because they thrashed the Russians. It is assumed, in the proclamation, that the Japanese first learned from the West, and then have adapted their newly acquired knowledge to the peculiar conditions of the East, and are therefore better fitted to instruct the Chinese than the West itself can be. There may be something in the argument. At any rate it will appeal to the Chinese, because it will gratify their innate love of the East, as opposed to the West, and at the same time, will make it possible for them to go to Japan, whereas they would be unable to go either to France or Germany.

The agricultural colleges of Japan, with annexes of gardens and fields, for practical instruction, are especially blessed

by His Excellency, and it is pointed out that in them all the apparatus is arranged for competent tuition. Indeed the appeal is full of enthusiasm, and the importance of a clearer insight into the methods and scope of modern agriculture, with the advantages that must accrue therefrom, are outlined in a way that shows that the Viceroy is not ignorant of the importance of the task to which he has set some of the youthful minds under his control.

Whilst it is natural and inevitable that the Viceroy should think of the prosperity of his own people, and so makes this attempt to bring this prosperity within their grasp, it is certain that, indirectly, Europeans will be the gainers if success follows. There is much room for improvement in some of the fruit grown in this province. We need only refer to pomelos, mangoes, apricots and plums. These fruits are only crudely developed, and are far inferior to those grown a little farther south. But we think the latitude will not explain all this difference. Also it is certain that if the Chinese understood the art of cattle-rearing and would go in for it and were taught to avail themselves of the large acreage of grazing ground, rough though much of it is at present, which is available on the slopes of their many hills and mountains, a fine supply of beef and even mutton would be forthcoming, which could be placed in the market at reasonable prices. These are only some of the ways in which improved methods of farming will, if understood and adopted, advantage not only the Chinese but also the Europeans who reside in Hongkong and the Treaty Ports of South China; and therefore we cannot but be interested in the attempts of the Viceroy to bring about a better state of things in this regard than obtains at present.

THE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

A Successful Year.

The first yearly meeting of the recently formed Horticultural Society was held on Thursday afternoon in the City Hall. The President of the Society, Sir Francis Pigott, presided, and those also present were the Hon. Mr. E. Osborne, Messrs L. Gibbs (Hon. Secretary), S. T. Dunn, J. Barton, F. Howell, A. Carter, and Chao Lap Chee.

The Chairman, in his opening remarks, said that he regretted that there was such a small attendance at their first annual meeting. The Society could be congratulated on the flourishing condition it had attained, owing largely to the very generous support received from Sir Paul Chater and a small committee of his friends, who had contributed to the guarantee fund. Their Flower Show had been a great success, but there still remained much to be done. The exchange of seeds would be a very important part of the Society's work which would be attended with very beneficial results. This should encourage the growing of vegetables under sanitary conditions by Chinese gardeners and he hoped that wide publicity would be given to the paragraph on that subject published in the report. In conclusion their thanks were due to the Government of Mauritius for their exhibit at the Flower Show and also to all who had contributed to making the Show a success. His Honour moved the adoption of the report and accounts, which was seconded by Mr. Barton, and carried.

On the motion of Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. Dunn, the names of Mrs. Jordan, Mrs. Turner and Mr. Griffin were added to the old committee. Next year's programme was then discussed and it was announced that Mr. Gibbs was compelled to give up the position of hon. secretary. Mr. F. Howell volunteered his services and was elected to the ensuing year. A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded proceedings.

The report stated, *inter alia* that the Society owed its origin to a proposal of His Excellency Sir Matthew Nathan that the old institution of an annual Flower Show should be revived. The account showed a balance of \$1,023 to the credit of the Society and that \$76 persons paid for admission to the show. It was estimated that over a thousand came to the Show during free time which was considered to be most satisfactory. The Show had demonstrated that the culture of flowers, even on the Peak, was more possible than had hitherto been imagined. In order to aid in the development of the gardens of the Colony it was hoped it would be considered part of the business of the Society to promote the exchange of seeds and cuttings, and also the dissemination of useful suggestions for growing plants by those who have been successful with any particular flower.

The vegetables exhibited at the show were in many cases of quite excellent quality, and showed unmistakable signs of careful gardening. But there were few exhibitions. The clause disqualifying vegetables grown in unsanitary conditions undoubtedly precluded many Chinese gardeners from exhibiting their produce. It was to be hoped however that many of them, who had now seen the size and quality of the vegetables raised in sanitary conditions, would come to realise that their own methods could be abandoned, and that without loss of profit, but rather with the result of increased sales. The task of inducing them to take this view was not an impossible one, but was one which the Society collectively and individually must not lose sight of, not merely at Show time, but throughout the year.

Mr. Frank Podmore, who is, perhaps, best known as one of the founders of the Fabian Society, has finished his biography of Robert Owen, Socialist and Philanthropist. Curiously little is known, in the personal sense, at least, by most people about this extraordinary man, and it is customary to dismiss his claims as those of an abeyant but quite impracticable dreamer. Southey and Macaulay, when Robert Owen was at the height of his renown as a Socialist Reformer, were at daggers drawn over his claims—largely because their own philosophy of life was different. Owen was no mere amiable enthusiast, but a consummate man of business, never astray in practical matters, however much mistaken in abstract opinions. A man who could make Prince Metternich think of adopting his "new system of society" in Austria must have had an extraordinary power of appeal, and this is only one incident out of many. Mr. Podmore has had access to a great mass of letters, which have hitherto remained unknown, and his book which Messrs. Hutchinson promise immediately, ought to prove of exceptional interest.

"The Child of Nazareth" is the title of a book which the Rev. Benjamin Waugh, the well-known founder of the Society of the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, has in preparation. It is, we understand, a new interpretation of the early life and lowly surroundings of Christ, and is based on a study made in the Holy Land of the scenes and customs of the East. The book is to be illustrated, and Messrs. Pitman are to publish it shortly.

Mr. Fisher Unwin hopes to publish shortly Mr. Percy Fitzgerald's appreciation of the late Sir Henry Irving. Mr. Bram Stoker, whose relations with the great actor during the whole term of his management of the Lyceum Theatre were singularly intimate, both in the personal and business sense, has also an important book on his old chief in preparation, which Mr. Heinemann is to publish in due course.

We learn that an important contribution to the history of India is in preparation. The book is entitled "Gujarat," or, in other words, the maritime province of Bombay, in which the territories of the Gaekwar of Baroda are situated. The author is Mr. Alexander Rogers, late of the Bombay Civil Service, and the interest of the book consists in the manner in which the writings of native authorities have been placed under contribution. Mr. Rogers proposes to bring down the history of the province from 1553 to comparatively modern times. Long residence in that part of India has made Mr. Rogers peculiarly well qualified to deal with the subject. The book is to be published by Messrs. Barmocott and Pearce, of Taunton.

There is an old saying, and a wise one, to the effect that all good men are of the same religion. Evidently that is the view of Mr. H. W. Garrod, Fellow of Merton, Oxford, who has a book in the press which Messrs. Constable are publishing, entitled "The Religion of All Good Men." It consists of studies in Christian ethics written from a bold but optimistic standpoint. Mr. Garrod contends that the hold of religion upon the minds of the youth of the nation has never been stronger than at the present time—even though organised Christianity seems to a large extent to have lost touch with them. The book is a valuable invitation to think—on the highest of all themes.

Messrs. Constable have also just ready a book, written in collaboration by the late Dr. Dexter, and his son, Mr. Marton Dexter, on "The England and Holland of the Pilgrims." It is, of course, a study of the Puritan movement of the seventeenth century, and of the manner in which that upheaval profoundly modified the religious outlook of two nations, prior to its ultimate ascendancy in New England. Dr. Dexter, whose unique collection of historical books and pamphlets, now forms part of the treasures of Yale University, was undoubtedly one of the greatest authorities on all that concerns the Puritan Revolution on both sides of the Atlantic.

Mr. Murray hopes to publish in the autumn, "The Letters of Queen Victoria," up to the year 1861. This important work, which has been edited by Lord Escher and Mr. Arthur Benson, will be in three volumes. The political significance of the book is altogether memorable.

In the biography of Professor Sidgwick, which is just published, there are some keen, and at times almost remorseless, literary verdicts. One instance may be cited. Sidgwick had been reading, in 1883, the famous autobiography of Mark Pattison. He describes it as an unconscious confession of sordid egotism, mingled with a genuine ardour for the academic ideal of life. "Very odd that a man of so much intellectual calibre appears never to have turned on his own character the cold and bitter criticism that he applies to others." The fiasco is far worse than Carlyle's, though the fall is from a lower pedestal. Messrs. Macmillan publish this remarkable study of Henry Sidgwick's subtle, rich, and many-sided personality.

"The Fifth Queen" is the title of an historical romance which Mr. Alston Rivers intends to publish next week. Every one who has read that fascinating volume, "The Seal of London," which appeared last year, is certain to turn with interest to Mr. Ford Madox Hueffer's new departure.

Messrs. Longman's have almost ready an anonymous book entitled, "The Parson's

Outlook," studies, we are assured, of clerical life and character.

Anything about the "Wizard of Abbotsford" is sure of a welcome, at least amongst lovers of historical romance. At first sight it might almost appear that in the interval which divides Lockhart's classic biography of Sir Walter Scott from the monographs by the late Richard Holt Hutton and Professor Saintsbury, the last word had almost been spoken on the personal story, heroic, and, in a sense, pitiful as it is, of the incomparable master who has made us all his debtors. That, however, is apparently not the opinion either of Mr. Norgate or of Mr. Methuen, for between them they promise us a new biography, which they claim, is different in many respects from all others, of the man who wrote the Waverley Novels with magic ink. Lockhart is, of course, the chief authority, but much has come to light, notably "The Letters" and "The Journal," in recent years, and these have been freely placed under requisition by Mr. Norgate, as well as many reminiscences which have leaped to light in recent years. He has also made the sentimental pilgrimage to Abbotsford, and has explored the Scott country, and the outcome of it all is—no we are assured—delectable, and finely illustrated book. We shall see.

People who are not conversant with French ought to be grateful to Messrs. Dent, who are about to bring out the works of Alexandre Dumas in an unabridged edition, in forty-eight volumes, which they propose to publish, with brisk alacrity, at the rate of two volumes a month. Such enterprise deserves to be rewarded.

Mr. Quiller Couch is bringing out another book this spring, in addition to "The Mayor of Troy." It is a critical monograph on George Eliot, in the Modern English Writers series. Messrs. Blackwood are to publish it.

Sir Harry Johnston's book on "Liberia," which is similar in plan to his "Uganda Protectorate," may be looked for almost immediately. It deals exhaustively with the commercial outlook in that part of Africa, and is the outcome of wide and, indeed, exceptional knowledge of actual conditions. It is to be fully illustrated from drawings by the author, and Messrs. Hutchinson are to publish it.

"Fogs on the China Coast," is the title of an instructive article in the *Government Gazette*, by Mr. F. G. Figg. The writer says that April proves to be the foggiest month, 25 per cent. of the days being foggy, and September has the least fog, viz. 1 per cent.

He shows that fog is liable to occur whenever a warm humid air current from sea areas impinges on the much colder air lying over the coast, and that the occurrence of fog will practically cease as soon as the temperature of the air over the coast area has attained a temperature more in accord with the air currents coming from equatorial regions.

With the complete establishment of the hot weather condition over the Continent fog practically ceases to occur, except the purely local fogs, which occasionally occur at individual stations in the summer, and which are usually caused by the cooling of the ground by radiation. This class of fog occurs usually in the evening or early morning hours and is quickly dissipated by the warming up of the air after sunrise.

Towards the end of the year fog begins to increase again. The air over the Continent has now become much colder and any rush towards the coast of relatively warm air, such as happens when a depression comes from inland, is liable to cause fog.

To the navigator the practical importance of the result arrived at is this, that about the beginning of the year whenever it is known that low pressure areas exist over China or adjacent waters he may expect to find more or less fog along the coast, its occurrence becoming more and more frequent and its character probably denser until the period of the year when the maximum of fog obtains, is reached on the different parts of the coast.

On the other hand when China is covered by high pressure areas he may be tolerably sure that he will not meet with fog along the coast, but he will, at times, find a good deal of haze. For example, in February, 1895, during the period 8th to 17th, inclusive, anticyclonic conditions prevailed over China, and not a single station on the coast recorded fog. The mean height of the barometer in Hongkong for the period named will be a sufficient index as to pressure conditions over China. It was 30.26 or 0.11 inch above normal. From the 18th to 23th fogs were general over the S. coast of China, the Formosa Channel and the E. coast as far North as the Chusan Archipelago, corresponding to a period of low pressure over S. China and the Eastern Sea. The mean height of the barometer in Hongkong for this period was 29.93 or 0.17 below the normal.

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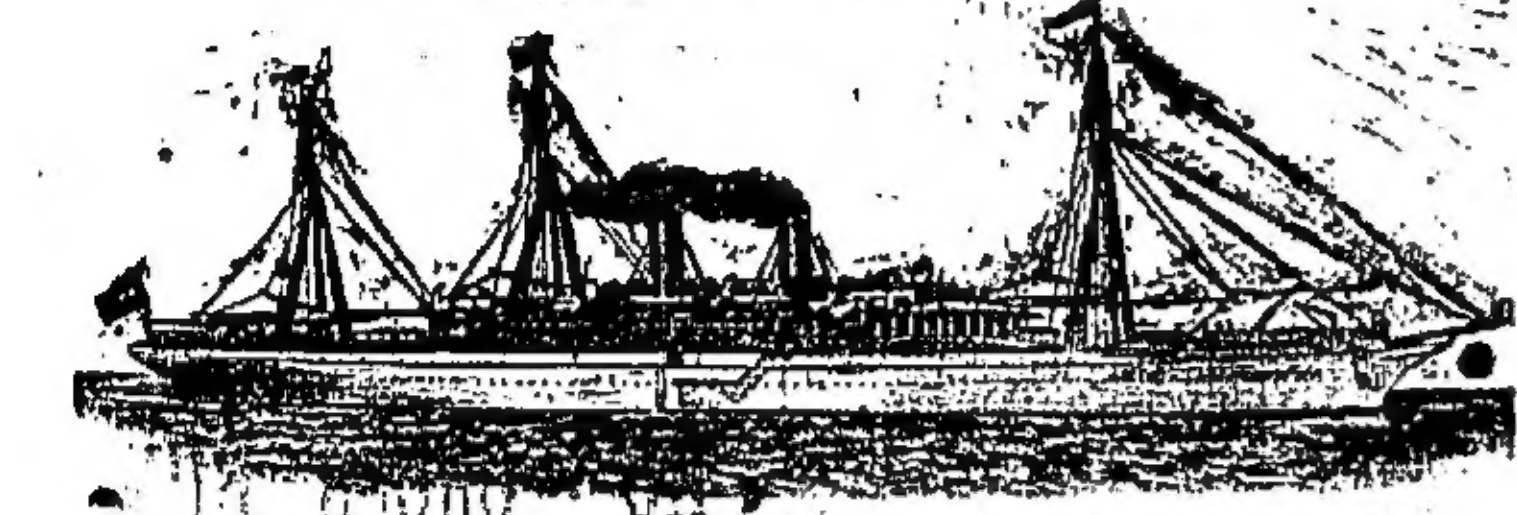
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SINGAPORE, PENANG, AND CALCUTTA	ONSANG	WEDNESDAY, April 18, at Noon.
SHANGHAI	CHOYSANG	WEDNESDAY, April 18, at 4 p.m.
MANILA	LEONGSANG	FRIDAY, April 20, at 4 p.m.

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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
DAIJI MARU, Capt. G. TAGAMI	TAMUJI, via SWATOW	SUNDAY, April 15, 10 a.m.
MAIDUURU MARU, Capt. MENJIN	ANPING, via SWATOW	WEDNESDAY, 18th April, 8 a.m.
ASPING MARU, Capt. SHIBATA	SHANGHAI, via SWATOW	THURSDAY, April 19, a.m.
DAIJIN MARU, Capt. H. OHTA	TAMUJI, via SWATOW	SUNDAY, April 22, 10 a.m.
SHOSU MARU, Capt. T. NEMOTO	SHANGHAI, via SWATOW	AMOI AND FOCHOW.

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Steamers	Tons	Captains	To Sail
SHAWMUT	9600	E. V. Roberts	About April 28.

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EUROPEAN SERVICE.

FROM	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	TIGER	16th April
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	DARWIN	21st "
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	HECTOR	28th "
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	JASON	5th May
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	DEGAILON	12th "
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	HYSON	19th "
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	GLACUS	26th "
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	KLIPPER	1st June
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	DOMINION	8th "

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL, MACHAG		20th April
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP, HECTOR		28th "
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP, JASON		5th May
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP, HECTOR		12th "
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP, JASON		19th "
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP, DEGAILON		26th "
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP, HYSON		3rd June
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP, GLACUS		10th "
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP, KLIPPER		17th "
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP, DOMINION		24th "

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EASTWARD.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	TIGER	18th April
	HYSON	25th "

WESTWARD.

FROM	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
TACOMA, SEATTLE, VICTORIA AND PACIFIC COAST	NINGCHOW	25th Dec.
	YANOSHI	25th May

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CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LD.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	KUANG	17th April
MANILA	TAMUJI	17th April
TIENTSIN & WELHAI WEL	CHOW	17th April
CHIEFOO	CHOW	18th April
CHINKIANG	CHOW	20th April
SHANGHAI	CHOW	20th April
MANILA, ZAMBOANGA, PT. DARWIN	CHOW	20th April
THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKWATER, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE	CHOW	20th April

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CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

Steamship	Tons	Captains	For	Sailing Dates
ZAFIRO	2540	R. Rogers	Manila Direct	1906, 5th April, at 12 o'clock Noon.
HUBI	2540	R. Almond	Manila Direct	28th April, at 12 o'clock Noon.

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THE ORIENTAL PACIFIC LINE. FOR SAN FRANCISCO, via PORTS.

THE Steamship **DAKOTA**, will be despatched for the above ports on or about SUNDAY, the 25th April.

For Freight, apply to **SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,** Agents.

Hongkong, March 13, 1906. 500

For London and Antwerp. THE Steamship **FLINTHURST**, will be despatched for the above ports on or about TUESDAY, the 16th May, 1906.

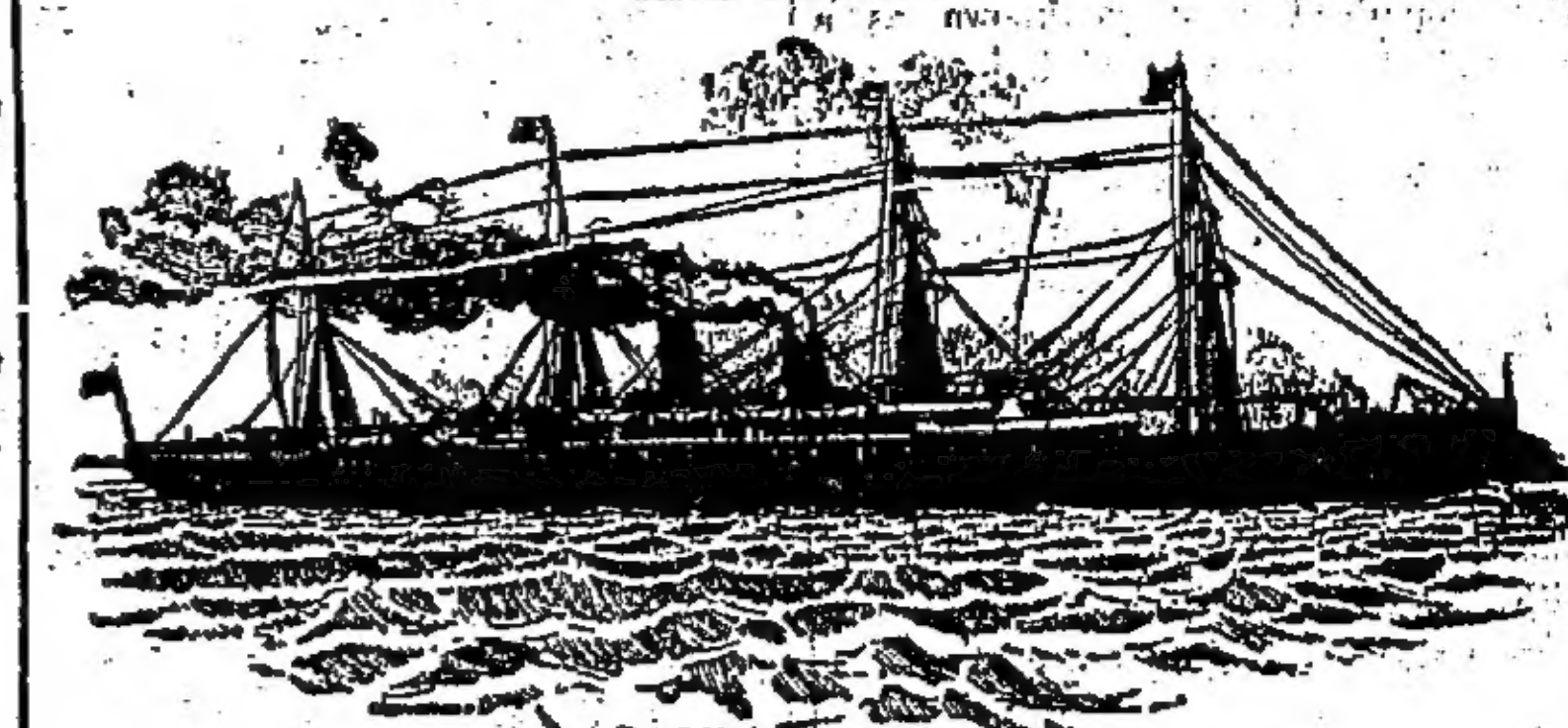
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Hongkong, April 6, 1906. 724

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

STEAMERS	Tons	TO SAIL
MANCHURIA	27,000 Gross Tons	TUESDAY, 17th April, at Noon.
HONGKONG MARU	11,000	FRIDAY, 27th April, at Noon.
KOREA	18,000	TUESDAY, 1st May, at Noon.
COPTO	8,000	FRIDAY, 11th May, at Noon.
SIBERIA	18,000	FRIDAY, 18th May, at Noon.
AMERICA MARU	11,000	FRIDAY, 25th May, at Noon.
MONGOLIA	27,000	TUESDAY, 5th June, at Noon.
CHINA	10,200	TUESDAY, 12th June, at Noon.
NIPPON MARU	11,000	TUESDAY, 19th June, at Noon.
DORIC	9,900	TUESDAY, 26th June, at Noon.

RECORD FAST TRIPS. Yokohama to San Francisco, s.s. KOREA, 18,000 tons. September 16-27th 1905; 10 days, 11 hours and 5 minutes. San Francisco to Honolulu, s.s. SIBERIA, 18,000 tons. August 16th-20th, 1905; 4 days, 19 hours. San Francisco to Yokohama, s.s. SIBERIA, calling at Midway Islands and Honolulu en route, August 16th-31st, 1905, 15 days, 13 hours. Yokohama to San Francisco, s.s. SIBERIA, 18,000 tons, Oct. 13th to 23rd, 1905; 10 days, 10 hours and 25 minutes.

THE P. M. Steamship MANCHURIA, will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, (INLAND SEA), KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on TUESDAY, the 17th April, 1906, at Noon, taking cargo for Japan and the United States.

SPECIAL RATES (first class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

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For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Companies, QUEZAR'S BUILDINGS.

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SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, via INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, MOST, KOREA & YOKOHAMA; FOR PORTLAND, OREGON, OPERATING IN CONNECTION WITH THE OREGON RAILROAD & NAVIGATION CO.

STEAMSHIP	Tons	CAPTAIN	TO SAIL ON
NUMANTIA	4370	FLOTHMAN	April 16, at Daylight.
ARABIA	4483	MEYERHIN	May 22, at Daylight.
ARAGONIA	5198	ERST	June 11, at Daylight.
NICOMEDIA	4370	WAGELMAN	June 21, at Daylight.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Points and all Eastern, Canadian and United States Points. For through rates of Freight and further information, communicate with or apply to

S. SILVERSTONE, Acting General Agent.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA (THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY).

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATIONS	STEAMERS	SAILING DATES
MARSEILLES, LONDON AND ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO AND PORT SAID.	DINGO MARU, Tons 6,247, Capt. F. L. Sommer	WEDNESDAY, 18th April, at Daylight.
	KAWACHI MARU, Tons 6,101	WEDNESDAY, 2nd May, at Daylight.
	AWA MARU, Tons 6,309	WEDNESDAY, 16th May, at Daylight.

VICTORIA, B.C. AND SEATTLE, via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.	KANAGAWA MARU, Tons 5,186	TUESDAY, 1st May, at 4 p.m.
	KAGA MARU, Tons 6,301	TUESDAY, 28th May, at 4 p.m.
SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE, via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE AND BRISBANE.	ROMANO MARU, Tons 5,076, Capt. H. Fraser	FRIDAY, April 20, at 4 p.m.
BOMBAY, via SINGAPORE AND COLOMBO.	TOSA MARU, Tons 5,883	FRIDAY, April 20, at Noon.
	BOMBAY MARU, Tons 4,925	THURSDAY, April 26, at Noon.

NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA. YAWATA MARU, Tons 8,317, Capt. Mathieson. WEDNESDAY, 18th April, at Noon.

* Through Passenger Tickets issued to the Principal Cities in the United States, Canada and Europe, in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY and Atlantic Steamers. Round-the-World Tickets also issued. Between Nagasaki and Yokohama, 1st and 2nd Class through Passengers have the option of travelling by Rail.

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A. S. MIHARA, Manager.

GREAT NORTHERN STEAMSHIP CO.

FOR SEATTLE, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA (PASSING THROUGH THE INLAND SEA OF JAPAN).

THE MAGNIFICENT NEW TWIN-SCREW STEAMERS "MINNESOTA" AND "DAKOTA" (BLACK TONS 20,718 Gross Reg.)

Will be despatched from Hongkong as follows:—

DAKOTA, Captain E. FRANCHER, On or about MONDAY, 23rd APRIL, 1906.

MINNESOTA, Captain J. H. RINDER, On or about TUESDAY, 14th JUNE, 1906.

Conveying Cargo to the Pacific Coast, United States and Canadian Overland Common Points; also Passengers to the United States, Europe, &c.

These Steamers are luxuriously fitted with spacious SUITES and SPATEROOMS, equipped with CIRCULATING LIBRARY, MUSIC, SMOKING ROOMS, BARBER SHOP, NURSERY, STEAM LAUNDRY, &c.

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Trans-Pacific Cabin Passengers by this Line can, if desired, TRAVEL BY RAIL between the ports of Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama WITHOUT EXTRA CHARGE. Also FIRST-CLASS RETURN TICKETS to Shanghai and Japan Ports are available for return by the steamers of the REGULAR MAIL LINES.

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Hongkong, April 6, 1906. 188

Shipping.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS-POSTS FRANÇAIS. FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship **POLYNESIEN**, Captain BUCQ, will be despatched for the above ports on or about MONDAY, the 16th April.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, April 9, 1906. 764

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NOTICE. STEAM FOR KUDAT AND SANDAKAN, Taking Cargo at Through Rates to TAWAU, LAHAD DATU, LABUAN, JOLO, ZAMBOANGA & MENADO.

THE Company's Steamship **BORNEO**, Captain F. BEHNKE, (ready to load on THURSDAY, the 12th inst.,) will leave on TUESDAY, the 17th inst., at 9 a.m.

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Hongkong, April 12, 1906. 718

MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

FRENCH MAIL STEAMERS.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, ADEN, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS.

THE Steamship **ARMAND BEHIC**, Captain GUYOTTE, will be despatched for MARSEILLES on TUESDAY, the 17th April, 1906, at 1 p.m.

Passage Tickets and through Bills of Lading issued for above ports. Cargo also booked for principal places in Europe.

Next Sailings will be as follows:—

S.S. **ARMAND BEHIC**.....May 1, 1906.
S.S. **POLYNESIEN**.....May 15, 1906.
S.S. **CHAMPAGNE**.....May 29, 1906.
S.S. **SALAZAR**.....June 12, 1906.
S.S. **TOURNAI**.....June 26, 1906.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, April 5, 1906. 720

FOR VLADIVOSTOK.

THE Steamship **GULF OF VENICE**, 3,023 Tons, (expected to arrive here about the 15th inst.) will be despatched for VLADIVOSTOK on or about 17th April, to about 17th April, to about 17th April.

S.S. **ORANGE BRANCH**, 2435 tons. S.S. **VINE BRANCH**, 3442 tons. For Freight, etc., apply to **DODWELL & CO., LTD., Agents.**

Hongkong, April 7, 1906. 744

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship **ARRAGON APCAR**, Captain E. F.W., will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 18th April, at 3 p.m.

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Hongkong, April 10, 1906. 766

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL AMERICAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship **ARADIA**, Captain W. W. COOK, s.s.s., carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, on SATURDAY, the 21st April, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports in connection with the Company's s.s. **FLORIDA**, 6,532 tons, from Colombo, "Passenger" accommodation in which vessel is secured before departure from Hongkong.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France and Tea for London (under

